GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
DRUG ABUSE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug abuse in the country is increasing at an alarming rate; ;

(b) if so, the impact of the same on the younger generations;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to find out the root causes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 158 for 8.3.2007 RAISED BY SHRI ABDULLAKUTTY AND SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE REGARDING `DRUG ABUSE`

(a) & (b) There is no authentic data to conclusively indicate that drug abuse in the country especially amongst the youth is increasing at alarming rate.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. According to the National Survey on the Extent, Pattern and Trends of Drug Abuse in India, jointly conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the common reasons for drug use are curiosity, experimentation, being in the company of drug users and to experience the effects.

(e) & (f) No Sir.